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1. I HAVE TALKED WITH LEW BURRIDGE, PRESIDENT OF APCAC, ABOUT FUTURE OF HIS ORGANIZATION. BURRIDGE, WHO WAS ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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OF APCAC FOUNDERS, SAYS HE HAS BECOME PRESIDENT BY DEFAULT BECAUSE NO OTHER CANDIDATE WOULD ACCEPT THE JOB. HE IS ACUTELY AWARE OF APCAC'S FRAILTIES.

2. HOWEVER, LEW HAS TRAVELED TO ALMOST ALL CONSTITUENCIES IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS AND BELIEVES HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL PREVENT DISINTEGRATION

AT THE BANGKOK MEETING. IN PARTICULAR, HE THINKS HE HAS RESOLVED THE HONG KONG - TAIPEI PROBLEM AND HOPES TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS RESOLUTIONS.

3. BURRIDGE WISHES TO CONTINUE APCAC ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND HOPES THE SESSION IN SINGAPORE WILL PROVE MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY. HE INTENDS TO CONTROL BOTH ATTENDANCE AND SUBSTANCE ON HIS SIDE OF THE TABLE. SULLIVAN

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